

Amendments to the Abstract

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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to methods for ~~treating or preventing arthritis~~ using IL-1 inhibitors to treat human diseases. The method comprises administering to patients in need thereof therapeutically effective amounts of an IL-1 inhibitor and methotrexate. In a preferred embodiment, the IL-1 inhibitor is human recombinant IL-1ra and the methotrexate is N-[4-[(2,4-diamino-6-pteridiny)methylamino]benzoyl]-L-glutamic acid. The invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing an IL-1 inhibitor and methotrexate useful in such methods.